



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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**May 19, 2023**

All are welcome at **St. Francis Xavier**

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**Services for Jim Sheridan:** Wednesday, May 31 Visitation at McGilley Funeral Home. 4pm to 9pm. 12301 State Line Road KCMO 64145. The Celebration of Life for Jim's family and friends will be on Thursday, June 1. Obituary will be published on McGilley's website and will be in the KC Star within a few days.

### **Celebrate & Scoop**

Join us on **Sunday, May 21, after the 10:30 am Mass** to celebrate the hard work and goodness of so many of our parishioners and community partners. We will offer a long-overdue blessing of our eco-friendly bench made from the hundreds of pounds of plastic you donated and from the generosity of Karen and John Stigers and their involvement with the Lion's Club. We will also bless the newly landscaped butterfly garden – a labor of love, talent, and hard work by Tim Driscoll and Pat Riha and many parishioner donations. We will celebrate all this excellent work by welcoming One Scoop Ice Cream truck, a treat for ALL parishioners because of our parish's remarkable participation in last year's Outpace Poverty Walk. **Plan to wear your Outpace Poverty t-shirt** this Sunday. Thank you for the many ways you show your love and support for SFX and God's creation. For more information about the good work done by Catholic Charities go to <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/>

### **Turning Small Steps into Big Achievements**

We are on the cusp of reaching our \$25,000 target for the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal, just \$2,000 shy of our goal. With a congregation of over 400 at our weekend Masses, we're poised to exceed our expectations. If each of you could consider a one-time donation of \$50, we would hit our target, ensuring continued support for our community. Your contribution can make a real difference, turning our shared ambition into a tangible achievement. Let's seize this opportunity together!

Contributing online is quick and easy - simply click the link below and be sure to mark that you are from St. Francis Xavier in Kansas City. Thank you for your support and for being a valued member of our parish.

<https://kcsjatholic.org/office/stewardship-and-development/annual-catholic-appeal/>

## Pastor's Corner

### Streamlining Bulletin and Weekly E-Update Subscriptions

Several parishioners expressed difficulties with subscribing to our church bulletin via email. To resolve this, we have added all names from our weekly e-update to the bulletin's subscription list. Going forward, new parishioners will be automatically subscribed to both the e-update and the weekly bulletin. Please note that you can choose to unsubscribe from these services at any time. If you do not receive the bulletin in your inbox by mid-week next week, please check your spam or junk email folder.

### Advertise in the SFX-KC Bulletin

If you are interested in advertising in the bulletin, please contact David Long, [dlong@4lpi.org](mailto:dlong@4lpi.org) or 800-950-9952 x2112. David is a sales executive with LPI which publishes our bulletin.

**We continue to pray for all those murdered** in our nation, our metro, and in our own neighborhood – and “pray by name” as best we can for those killed in Kansas City, Missouri. We share the names reported on the database provided by [The Kansas City Star](#). (N.B. The numbering is not always sequential due to delays in reporting the murders and identifying the victims).

**61. Kavon Carter, 17, May 14**

**60. Terrell Farrow, 19, on May 3**

**59. Jamie Craig, 44, April 29**

**What is your SFX Spirit Story?** What brought you to St. Francis Xavier? What keeps you here? How is your faith-hope-and love strengthened by being a member here? What about our parish community makes you proud? What good work do you want to make sure continues here at the corner of 52nd and Troost “where faith and justice meet”? This weekend (May 20-21) in anticipation of the Feast of Pentecost the **Adult Faith Formation Committee will be collecting your thoughts and ideas** about what makes SFX so special. Be thinking about what you will share. Curious about what we are up to? Contact [Mariann](#).

**Our final Sunday School of Ages 2-3-4 during the 10:30 Mass for 2022-2023** is this **Sunday, May 21**. Many thanks to our teaching team led by Sara Norena: Laura Blasi, Angie Parenza, Diane Shatto, Jennifer Smith, and Ava and Sydney Smith.

**Soul Food Tuesday End-of-Year Gathering and Picnic** Tuesday, May 23, 11:00 am. Contact [Mariann](#) for details.

**Looking ahead: Confirmation 2024 for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Graders** We have a date! The Bishop will be here on **Monday, February 12, 2024**, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for high school freshmen and sophomores (and older teens). Preparation

classes will start in the late summer/early fall. Please contact [Mariann](#) for registration information.

**Can you help?** The Neighborhood Justice Center, a legal clinic staffed by volunteer attorneys, continues to provide free legal services to those who cannot afford to pay. We work out of the parish offices. **We are in immediate need of an immigration attorney who would be willing to consult from time to time with our volunteers on immigration matters.** If you can help, please contact Tom Bradshaw at [tbradshaw2111@gmail.com](mailto:tbradshaw2111@gmail.com) or 816-898-3006.

**Attention Gardeners** - The garden volunteers meet every Wednesday and Saturday at 9:30 am and would love to have your help with watering, weeding, planting, and harvesting! It would be great if 2-3 people would join the gardening group on a **fairly regular** basis so we can make all this beautiful fresh produce available to our SFX food pantry clients. We will be planting our summer crops of tomatoes, peppers, etc. on Saturday, May 20, at 9:30 am, and could use extra help on that day as well. For more information, please contact [Alison Dudley](#).

**RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants) Ministry meets THIS Sunday, May 21 at 9:00 am** in the BVM room. Join us as Sandy Katzer speaks about her work with Manos Amigas and as we discern our continued response to the devastating changes happening at the Southern border.

**Interested in going to the Border to learn about migration?** We have scheduled another Encuentro Trip September 26-October 1. Fr. Rafael and his team will create experiences where we can learn and encounter those in migration. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue.

**May 25 is the Third Anniversary of George Floyd's death.** Join us along Troost at 4:30 pm to witness and pray for an end to discrimination and violence in policing. It is still happening...right here in KCK. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AF2EA6FF2-george>. If we do not have 20 people present to witness, we will have the prayer service at 4:45 pm. Contact Sue for more information.

### **Mark your Calendars**

**June 3 - 8:30-12:00 – Violence in our City** ½ day Retreat. Join us as we learn more about violence in our city and hear from a panel of experts on its implications. Sign-ups are helpful, but not necessary. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

**June 5 – 5:00-7:00 pm** – We're going back to **Heart to Heart** to volunteer and make hygiene kits. *We will need to give them a final count in the coming weeks, so please sign up if you are planning to attend!* Click on this [LINK](#) today!!

**June 11- 11:45-1:15 pm – Health Fair at SFX** Practice old skills, new ones, and learn **new information!** Practice old skills, learn new information and skills!

- **Blood pressure** checks
- **CPR Demonstration--** (hands only) and practice. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5Pnl4I-vd8>

- **Stop the Bleed** -- save a life in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Learn more at: <https://www.stopthebleed.org/savealife/>
- **Opioid Poisoning** why is this increasing, how to identify, and actions to take. Learn more at: <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/patients/Preventing-an-Opioid-Overdose-Tip-Card-a.pdf> Hope to see you Sunday, June 11 11:45 am - 1:15 pm!

**Food Pantry Needs** – Our current needs include *chicken noodle soup, ramen noodles, and jello.*

**IFTJ (Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice)** - *Spots are filling up!* The IFTJ is the largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the United States and it is happening **October 28-30, 2023, in Washington, DC.** Registration is open and we reserved 15 spots! If you are interested in going to learn and advocate on Capitol Hill, contact [Sue](#) asap to hold your spot! The parish will pay the registration fee for all attendees as well as purchase a one-of-a-kind T-shirt for you. Attendees are responsible for the flight, hotel, and meals. High schoolers are welcome to attend with a parent. So far, speakers include Rev. William Barber, Sr. Norma Pimental, MJ, Ellie Hidalgo, Francisco Herrera, and others yet to be named.

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### From the Diocese, our Apostolates and Neighbors

**The St. Thomas More Parish Green Team** invites you to join us for a walk around Jerry Smith Park (139<sup>th</sup> and Prospect) on Sunday evening, May 21, at 5:00 pm as we celebrate the beginning of Laudato Si' Week (May 21-28). Laudato Si' Week commemorates the release in 2015 of the encyclical by Pope Francis in which he called Catholics and all people of the world to care for the earth and the poor. In case of rain, the walk will be canceled. For more information, contact David Butel at the STM parish office, 816-942-2492 x.210, or [dbutel@stmkc.com](mailto:dbutel@stmkc.com).

**Soul Line Dance at St. Monica's** 1616 Paseo Boulevard. Saturday, May 27, 3:00-5:00 pm. No cost to participate. Donations appreciated. Registration required. Click here to register: [Free Soul Line Dance Class Tickets, Sat, May 27, 2023 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

**Veterans Retreat at White House Retreat in St. Louis** June 29-July 2, 2023. Co-ed. Private rooms. All meals provided. \$50/person. This retreat features a series of talks on issues pertaining to veterans and focuses on their military experience and how God was with them and continues to be with them. Please share this information with any veterans you know. Many SFXers have benefited from retreats at the White House. For more information go to [Veterans Retreat — WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT \(whitehouseretreat.org\)](http://VeteransRetreat—WHITEHOUSEJESUITRETREAT(whitehouseretreat.org)).

**Walk for Unity** – Unite KC is hosting its 3rd Annual **Walk for Unity** on **Saturday, June 10 at 8:30 am.** Entitled *Come to the Table*, you will meet at Troost and Truman Rds. in KCMO and walk about 0.5 miles “with someone who doesn't look like you” to the Great

Lawn at Paseo and E 17th Terrace where there will be food, music, and fellowship. This is a *great* event! Hope you can attend!

***Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Laura, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue***

*Remember: all staff have sfx-kc.org addresses. Please do not open anything that comes from another domain. (Except for Laura Worms)*

**See something that interests you? Contact us:**

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